

# HUNTER EDUCATION

## newsletter

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### *Coordinator's Comments*

Happy spring! Another busy year of Hunter Education is upon us with many courses already completed - many, many thanks for what you do to make this program a great success!

It was another busy winter with the regional workshops, our annual conference and banquet. The good thing about these events is the opportunity to get out of the office! There's much to be said about meeting and working one-on-one with the folks that make this program what it is. I've said this over and over, *"this is not my program, it is our program"*. However, we can't sit still and hope that the program continues on its own merit, change is inevitable and we have to adjust in order to be relevant in the future.

Much of what you will find in this newsletter are the topics that were discussed at the four workshops this past winter. During these workshops we focused on what has happened in hunter education, not only in North Dakota, but what other states are doing, good and bad. If it works in other states, it might or might not work for us, but there just might be a good idea in there somewhere. The bottom line is continuing to improve on our fine tradition of presenting a professional, well prepared and complete program.

In March, I had the opportunity to travel to Junction City, Kansas to observe the Kansas Hunter Education Instructor Academy conducted once every 3 years. There were approximately 200 instructors from across Kansas as well as the hunter education coordinator from Nebraska. Making the trip from North Dakota were myself, Chris Grondahl, Outreach Supervisor, Marty Egeland, Outreach Biologist in Grand Forks

and Roger Krueger, Bismarck instructor and guest speaker for the event.

The academy consisted of a Friday night session for everyone. Saturday, the group was split into 4 smaller groups that spent the day attending four different presentations. Those presentations were: "Hunting: Ethics versus Aesthetics", presented by Dr. Jim Tantillo; "CPR Training and Certification", Danny Gillum, Dodge City Community College; "Treestand Safety", John Louk, Executive Director, Treestand Manufacturer's Association and "Continuing the Tradition", Roger Krueger. On Saturday evening, another group session was followed by the presentation of instructor service awards. The weekend concluded on Sunday morning with a "panel" discussion, consisting of Dr. Tantillo, Kansas, North Dakota and Nebraska hunter education coordinators and a Kansas conservation officer (warden) addressing questions from the entire group.

It was a great weekend having the opportunity to see another program and being asked to talk about our program. They thoroughly appreciated our attendance and it only validated what we thought - passion and dedication are shared by all hunter education instructors! It also gave us an idea for the future, is this something we could plan for your continued education or maybe the certification of new instructors?

Looking toward the future, how can we improve on an already successful program and assisting you in becoming better instructors? We owe that to the students who expect a quality experience and for the future of hunting - passing on the heritage.

Again, thank you for all that you do, you are the reason for our successful Hunter Education Program, you do make a difference.

*Have a great summer, enjoy the outdoors and be safe!*

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## *HE Manual Revision*

Many thanks to those of you that had a chance to review the "DRAFT" manual, your input has been noted. I do believe from the feedback that was received from the instructor workshops that we have a student manual that will serve us well for years to come. The plan is to have the manual and a revised instructor guide distributed in time for you to prepare for the 2011 course year.

## *2009 Hunting Incidents*

We've included a few documents that cover the 2009 hunting related incidents, as well as a comparison to past years and hunting related incident summaries from the original reports. Use this information in your classroom to highlight safety and gun handling. If you are wondering what topics to emphasize to your students, note that over 80% of incidents (2007-2009) were caused by four (4) major factors: **Careless Handling; Victim Out of Sight; Swinging On Game** and **Discharge In/Around a Vehicle**.

## *Website Study Guide – [www.HunterExam.com](http://www.HunterExam.com)*

We now have an online hunter education study guide that will soon have a direct link on our website. It is a FREE study guide from HunterExam.com that is used by several states, to include Vermont and New York. Initial feedback from those states and some of our instructors is that this site is "outstanding", a very useful tool and well used by students and instructors. Please encourage your students to use this site. If you have students that are struggling with a topic, they can study at home at any time they choose.

## *Training Aids*

If you need copies of "Opportunity For All" or "Chain of Respect", narrated by Shane Mahoney, contact us for copies of these DVDs. For those of you who have used or would like to use the DVD, "Shoot, Don't Shoot" from Alan Madison Productions, let me know or go to [www.alanmadison.com](http://www.alanmadison.com). They are currently offering their material for 30-70% off.

## *Bowhunter Education*

We are working with the ND Bowhunters Association to develop a process to certify additional Bowhunter education instructors. Since a BowEd certificate is not required, it's more difficult to build this program, but there is a growing interest in NASP and we anticipate a growth in bowhunting in the coming years. Educating our youth to the ethical and safe way to hunt is extremely important. Discussion has taken place about having an online course (South Dakota), this is a good option, but then we would have to be able to offer a Field Day to complete certification. We need to be out ahead of the game and have a plan for this with more instructors and classes.

## *On-line Instructor Training Course*

IHEA and Remington Outdoor Foundation are working to establish an online instructor training course. ROF has offered to host the site; it's an IHEA product and will be presented at the IHEA conference in June.

## *North Dakota State Fair*

Minot, July 23-31, 2010. This is a lot of fun and worth your time if you can work it out with your busy schedules. You can work at the airgun shooting range, archery range, fishing pond or fur harvester booth. Come on up and work a day or two at the fair. If you work 2 days, we will pay for lodging at the Holiday Inn.

*"There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country."*

- Theodore Roosevelt, 1912

## Home Study (On-line Option)

I encourage you to consider scheduling and conducting more Home Study courses. For those instructors that have not yet conducted one, please contact me for some information that will guide you through the process. If you are comfortable with the internet, it's just a matter of covering the required material in the two (2) classroom sessions. I highly recommend offering an optional hands-on session for those students who want it. Take a look at the course; it's on the IHEA website. The IHEA is in the process of gathering material to update the online course, adding material and enhancing the site with photos and video.

Another comment on the online "home study" option – neither I nor the Department supports a "total" online course! There must be face-to-face contact with an instructor or we have no idea how well the student handles a firearm. There are some instructors that don't feel comfortable or believe that the online course is a viable option, but it has proven to be an effective and successful course. Bottom line is this, we do offer it and it was passed in the 2009 legislative session, making it a mandated course. It is very beneficial to students that have difficult work schedules to be able to become certified and it supports our efforts in recruiting hunters.

## Useful Websites

- @ International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) website – [www.ihea.com](http://www.ihea.com)  
Instructor resources, vendor discounts and a monthly auction item. Username: instructor Password: gohunt
- @ National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) – [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org)
- @ Tread Lightly campaign – [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)
- @ Newsletter is located on the website, [www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov) in the instructor log-in tab Username: !huntered Password: Enroll1
- @ HunterExam.com – FREE online study guide – [www.HunterExam.com](http://www.HunterExam.com)

## Principles of Learning Methods

### Students Remember:

- 10% of what they READ
- 20% of what they HEAR
- 30% of what they SEE
- 50% of what they HEAR & SEE
- 70% of what they SAY
- 90% of what they SAY as they DO!

### The Instructor's Creed

- As a certified instructor, I understand:
- If students are not involved, I have not taught.
- Most human beings are poor speakers and poor listeners; I have a challenge.
- Just talking is the poorest teaching method.
- It is easier to teach if you get students involved.
- The bottom line is what they learn; not what I teach.
- The future of hunting depends on effective hunter education.

### **A NEXT STEP – HUNTANDSHOOT.ORG CAN HELP GET HUNTER EDUCATION GRADS TO GO AFIELD!**

An interesting article and a website that you can share with your students that focuses on "next steps" for the hunter education graduate. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) has several resources available to assist hunters, both present and future. Their mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Its activities include hands-on programs, such as First Shots, a free, introductory classroom and supervised live-fire seminar. NSSF also publishes a number of booklets and other literature that promotes safe firearms ownership and participation.

Another valuable means of communications has been its many websites, among them being a portal for the world of hunting opportunity. HuntandShoot.org can be an important next step for the hunter education graduate. A variety of short videos available there can reinforce some of the fundamentals you covered in your course. Questions on game laws can easily be tracked down through its links to all the states' wildlife management agencies.

Of particular value to the newly certified hunter is a feature on the home page of HuntandShoot.org called, "Tracking Hunting and Shooting Opportunities in Every State". There, the hunter and recreational shooter can learn about educational events, like programs for women or for youth. Also reported are special hunts, perhaps for youth, women or disabled hunters. Newly opened public hunting areas are another topic.

In other words, the items can take your new graduates on the next step in their progression of becoming a hunter.

If you spend any time on the NSSF website, [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org), you will find a lot of information that can be useful, in and out of the classroom.



**HUNTER EDUCATION  
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**For Class Supplies: 1-800-421-8358  
For Procedure and Policy Questions: 1-701-328-6316**



# INSTRUCTOR'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM:

If you move, please be sure to notify us. Email changes to [sthompso@nd.gov](mailto:sthompso@nd.gov) or complete the attached form and mail to:

North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
Hunter Education  
100 North Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_



(Detach and return)



## Other Notes

**Course schedules.** Be planning ahead for next year. We need your course schedules by Dec 31; we get numerous phone calls asking about when/where the courses are and how to enroll.

**On-line enrollment is highly encouraged.** Online enrollment makes the enrollment process quick and easy, much more so than making a phone call. One of the issues that came out of the 2009 legislative session is that we must make every effort to make our course available to the public and offering online enrollment is one of the best ways to do that. The public is using more technology every day and we need to keep up with them! Potential students are missing out on the course by us not posting your course (for a minimum of 2 weeks) on our website and offering online enrollment.

**Annual Workshop and Regional Workshop Dates.** The annual conference and banquet is scheduled for February 12, 2011 in Bismarck. Dates and locations will be published in the near future for the workshops to be held in Bismarck, Jamestown, Devils Lake and Williston in 2011.

**Send me an email** [jondhanson@nd.gov](mailto:jondhanson@nd.gov) and you will be added to our HE Instructor distribution list. If you have given me your email address and are not receiving information, call me and I'll check your address.

### The future of ND Hunter Education

- Continue to improve communication to instructors
- Instructor academy for in-service and new instructor training
- Revise instructor application process
- Revise instructor policy manual
- Standardize course materials and presentation
- Increase public access to the HE course
- Master Hunter Education Instructor program
- Regional Instructor Coordinators
- Instructor of the Year nomination process

## EVENT CALENDAR

### State Fair

July 23 – July 31, 2010 @ Minot

### Annual Conference

February 12, 2011 @ Bismarck Ramkota

### Regional Workshops

Bismarck  
Jamestown  
Williston  
Devils Lake

WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!

**Instructor Illness and Death.** We ask that you please notify our office in the event of an instructor illness or death in your area. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Duane Tollefson, Bismarck and Todd Foss, Fargo.



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## Service Awards

I sincerely apologize for the missing names on a couple of the pictures. We obviously need to make a better effort at recording names when we take these pictures. Trying to identify individuals, especially those with 5 years and less is quite a task and memories are not what they should be. An individual apology goes to Craig Enervold, Fargo, 10 years of service, his name was left out of the Outdoors magazine article!

Congratulations to all that received service awards, it's a small token of our appreciation for what you do for hunting and safety. Thank you for your dedicated service, it does make a difference!



### **30 Years** (Lifetime license and leather case)

(L to R) Gary Lindemann, Larry Gander, Gordan Toepke, Mardella Carter, Wayne Carter, Steve Bratlien, Ken Rehling, James Schmitt, Rodney Weigum



### **25 Years** (Gun)

(L to R) Vernon Ostby, Melvin Birkholz, Jim Lehse, Roger Hollevoet, Fritz Hirschhorn, Allen Martin, Roy Steiner, Charles Vasicek, Jeff Gunderson



### **20 Years** (Binoculars)

(L to R) David Urlacher, Brenda Davis, Gene Davis, Dale Bren, Dean Anderson, Joseph Heiser, Darris Olson, Lloyd Waldahl, Jr



### **15 Years** (Jacket)

(L to R) Linda Weigum, Paul Roeder, Mark Weyrauch, Bill Titus, Steve Hammes (?), Brad Moser



### **10 Years** (Gun case)

(L to R) Rickie Theurer, Lynn Baltrusch, Grant Johnson, Gregory Veen, Mike Kroh





**5 Years** (*Buck knife*)  
(L to R) Jean Oster, (n/a), (n/a), (n/a), Mitch Bitz



**2 Years** (*Vest*)  
(L to R) Kurt Wagner, (n/a), Dustin Roeder, John Oster, Kyle Beach, Colin Nygaard, Barbara Handy-Marchello, Angie Poupa

## Instructors of the Year



**Allen Giese**, *Wahpeton*



**Joseph O'Meara**, *Hankinson*



**Jonathon Hughes**, *Minot*



## HUNTER ED AND BOW COURSES TAUGHT IN 2009

	# OF COURSES	# OF STUDENTS
HUNTER ED COURSES	210	4420
HOME STUDY COURSES	29	411
BOW COURSES	2	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>4838</b>

## LADIES CLASSES OFFERED IN 2009

CITY	# OF COURSES	# OF STUDENTS
BISMARCK LADIES	1	23
HAZEN LADIES	1	17
FARGO LADIES	1	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>

## HOME STUDY COURSE OFFERED IN 2009

CITY	# OF COURSES	# OF STUDENTS
BISMARCK	4	88
CARRINGTON	1	12
CATHAY	1	7
DEVILS LAKE	1	6
DICKINSON	2	32
ELLENDALE	1	9
EMERADO	1	12
FARGO	7	140
GRAND FORKS	1	10
GRAND FORKS AFB	1	12
GWINNER	1	4
JAMESTOWN	1	20
MINOT	2	12
MINOT AFB	1	15
WILLISTON	4	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>411</b>

## BOW HUNTER ED CLASSES OFFERED IN 2009

CITY	# OF COURSES	# OF STUDENTS
BISMARCK	2	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>

## 2009 STATISTICS

# CERTIFIED	4838
# ENROLLED	5499
# QUIT	443
# FAILED	118
# LIVE FIRE	714
# FEMALES	1960
# DISABLED	86

## RACIAL COMPOSITION

WHITE	4918
NATIVE AMERICAN	161
HISPANIC	47
ORIENTAL	16
AFRICAN AMERICAN	23
OTHER	14

## MAJOR CITY COURSES AND STUDENTS

CITY	# OF COURSES	# OF STUDENTS
BISMARCK/MANDAN	18	629
DEVILS LAKE	4	62
DICKINSON	5	124
CASSELTON/FARGO/HARWOOD/W.F.	15	504
GRAND FORKS	5	180
GRAND FORKS AFB	1	9
JAMESTOWN	5	101
MINOT	16	373
MINOT AFB	4	78
WILLISTON	5	135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2195</b>

# INSTUCTORS TAUGHT IN 2009	688
NEW INSTRUCTORS	47
<b>TOTAL # ACTIVE INSTRUCTORS</b>	<b>735</b>

# NORTH DAKOTA HUNTING RELATED INCIDENTS - 2009

HE Cert	State	Game Type	Class	Casualty	Self Inflicted	Equip	Shooter Age State	Victim Age State	Major Factor
1 Yes	CA	Pheasant	A	NF	N	Shotgun	57/TX	53/CA	Shooter swinging on game
2 Yes	ND	Pheasant	A	NF	N	Shotgun	16/ND	15/ND	Shooter swinging on game
3 Yes	WI	Pheasant	A	NF	N	Shotgun	27/MN	64/WI	Shooter swinging on game
4 Unkn	ND	Pheasant	B	F	N/A	N/A		46	Heart Attack
5 Unkn	ND	Deer	A	NF	Y	Rifle	16/ND		Discharge in/around vehicle - V
6 Unkn	ND	N/A	C	NF	N	Handgun	56	59	Careless handling
7 Unkn		N/A	C	NF	Y	Handgun		46	Careless handling
Average Age							34	47	

Game Type: As described

Casualty: NF = Non-Fatal, F = Fatal

Incidents are designated as Class A, B, C or D:

Class A: Hunting Related Shooting Injuries or Fatalities

Class B: Non-Shooting Hunting Related Injuries or Fatalities

Class C: Non-Hunting Related Shooting Injuries

Class D: Property Damage

6 - 3 Shotgun; 1 Rifle; 2 Handgun	Major Factors:
Fatality - Heart Attack	Shooter Swinging on Game - 3
	Careless Handling - 2
	Discharge In/Around Vehicle - 1
	Heart Attack
2 Self Inflicted Wounds	
2 Involved Non-Resident Hunters	
	Violations: 1

Class A	Ave Age	Shotgun	Rifle	
2007 - 19	38/40	14	5	Top 4 - 30 of 35, 86% (2007-2009)
2008 - 10	31/40	6	4	Shooter Swinging on Game - 10
2009 - 4	34/47	3	1	Careless Handling - 8
33	34/42	23	10	Victim Out of Sight - 7
				Discharge In/Around Vehicle - 5



## **Seven Hunting Incidents in 2009**

The number of incidents involving North Dakota hunters in 2009 was again below the average of the past decade, and lower than 2008 (10 incidents). The more important news for 2009 was that there were no shooting related fatalities. North Dakota has averaged from 13-15 hunting incidents over the past decade.

When you break down the numbers from 2009, only four of the seven incidents were “Hunting Related Shooting Injuries”, a class A incident. Of those four, three were shotgun and one was rifle; the other two incidents were with handguns and one was a fatal heart attack suffered while hunting.

While even one incident is too many and these numbers are encouraging, the reasons for the low numbers are hard to define. (license sales, weather, lower deer and pheasant numbers, etc)?

It's also interesting and important to look at the major factors involved. In 2009, the major factor resulting in an incident was “Shooter swinging on game” and over the past 3 years, this is the number one factor in hunting incidents. “Knowing where the members of your hunting party are in the field is very important.” The number of shotgun incidents is consistently higher than those with a rifle and that's going back several years.

Shooter swinging on game, careless handling, victim out of sight of shooter and discharge in/around a vehicle are the major factors involved in 86% of our incidents over the past three years.

The average age of the persons involved in 2009 hunting related incidents remains on average of 34 years of age (shooter) and 42 years of age (victim).

# 2009 ND Hunting Incident Report Summaries

**Note:** It was suggested by instructors that it would be nice to have Incident Summaries for use in the classroom. These summaries are from incident reports that we receive from our wardens and are then entered into the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) database. This database tracks all hunting incidents from all states and jurisdictions that are members of the IHEA. Some of the information is not included in every report, in most cases it was not directly related to the cause of the incident. For the sake of repetition, not all incident summaries are included. The summaries are from the incident report, as written.

**You are encouraged to reference these in the classroom, generate discussion by asking questions, e.g. “What could you do to prevent this from happening to you?”**

Type of casualty/Firearm: **Nonfatal/Rifle** Was incident self-inflicted? Y Land type: --unknown--  
Classification of incident: A Were shooter & victim members of same party? N/A Number of persons in party: 2  
Animal being hunted by shooter: Deer Type of shooting being done by shooter: Hunting  
Description of injuries: Gunshot wound to left foot, big toe and tip of second toe  
Visibility: --unknown-- Topography: --unknown-- Type of cover: --unknown-- Lighting: --unknown-- Weather: --unknown--  
Major factor: Skill and Aptitude - Careless handling of firearm  
Minor factor 1: Safety/Law - Discharge firearm in/on vehicle Minor factor 2: Safety/Law - Remove/place firearm in vehicle  
**Summary:** *The shooter and his hunting partner were driving down the road when they saw a deer. Victim got excited and took the safety off of his gun and started to load the gun as he was exiting the vehicle (to save time). Victim stated he did not have his finger on the trigger, but bumped the gun and it went off. The shot passed at an angle through his boot and through the running board on the pickup.*

Type of casualty/Firearm: **Nonfatal/Shotgun** Was incident self-inflicted? N Land type: Private  
Classification of incident: A Were shooter & victim members of same party? Y Number of persons in party: 2  
Animal being hunted by shooter: Pheasant Type of shooting being done by shooter: Hunting  
Description of injuries: Pellets to the face, neck and fingers.  
Visibility: Good Topography: Flat Type of cover: Medium Lighting: Overcast Weather: Calm  
Major factor: Hunter's Judgment - Victim out of sight of shooter  
**Summary:** *Two hunters were pheasant hunting with guide. The victim was on the edge of the field to prevent birds from flying out the side. A pheasant flew up and the guide yelled, "rooster", the shooter swung on the bird and didn't see the victim slightly downhill from him. Shooter shot and killed the bird; the victim immediately yelled that he had been hit by pellets. The victim didn't sustain serious injuries from the incident. He did visit the ER as a precaution; he had two pellets in his neck.*

Distance from muzzle to victim in yards: 51-100

Type of casualty/Firearm: **Nonfatal/Shotgun** Was incident self-inflicted? N Land type: Private  
Classification of incident: A Were shooter & victim members of same party? Y Number of persons in party: 5  
Animal being hunted by shooter: Pheasant  
Type of shooting being done by shooter: Hunting  
Description of injuries: 6 pellets struck the victim; one of the pellets struck the victim in the hip and broke the skin, but didn't penetrate.  
Visibility: Good Topography: Flat Type of cover: Medium Lighting: Overcast Weather: Windy  
Major factor: Hunter's Judgment - Shooter swinging on game  
**Summary:** *Victim and shooter were walking one side of a brushy draw and a party member was walking the other side. Two other party members stayed in the vehicle. A pheasant flew a short distance in front of the shooter and then turned and flew behind him. The shooter followed the bird and fired two shots, missing on both. The shooter then heard the victim holler that he'd been shot and several pellets had struck the victim. They realized the victims injuries were not life threatening and took him to the emergency room for medical attention. The victim was struck by six pellets; one of them broke the skin but didn't penetrate any further.*  
Distance from muzzle to victim in yards: 11-50

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Type of casualty/Firearm: **Nonfatal/Handgun** Was incident self-inflicted? N Land type: Private  
Classification of incident: C Were shooter & victim members of same party? Y Number of persons in party: 2  
Animal being hunted by shooter: N/A Type of shooting being done by shooter: Unintentional Discharge  
Description of injuries: Gunshot wound to the leg, 1" above right knee  
Major factor: Skill and Aptitude - Careless handling of firearm  
**Summary:** *Victim and shooter had been hunting pheasants. They put their shotguns away and were going to target shoot with a .22 caliber pistol. They were shooting at a plastic pop bottle and the pistol jammed. While attempting to dislodge the jammed cartridge, the gun went off, striking the victim in leg. They drove to the hospital where the victim was treated and released.*  
Distance from muzzle to victim in yards: --unknown--

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Type of casualty/Firearm: **Nonfatal/Handgun** Was incident self-inflicted? Y Land type: Private  
Classification of incident: C Were shooter & victim members of same party? N/A Number of persons in party: 1  
Animal being hunted by shooter: N/A Type of shooting being done by shooter: N/A  
Description of injuries: Cut thumb requiring 12 stitches  
Visibility: Good Topography: Flat Type of cover: Sunny Lighting: Sunny Weather: Clear  
Major factor: Skill and Aptitude - Careless handling of firearm  
**Summary:** *Shooter was shooting his .44 magnum revolver handgun and had his left hand forward on the gun. When he fired a round, he suffered a cut thumb because of the cylinder not lining up perfectly with the barrel, as sometimes happens with revolvers. It required 12 stitches at a local hospital.*





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	(25)	Model 770 Brochures
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	(4)	Centerfire Poster

Your request should include one of the following:

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Range Officer card or certificate

Include the address of where you would like the package shipped. Because our materials are customarily shipped via UPS, we cannot ship to a post office box. Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

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